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FOR THE AMBASSADOR FROM THE SECRETARY

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, PINT, US, IT

SUBJECT: PUBLIC STATEMENT ON EUROCOMMUNISM

REF: ROME 5882

1. I APPRECIATED YOUR VIEWS ON OUR RECENT PUBLIC STATEMENT
ON POLICY TOWARD WEST EUROPEAN COMMUNIST PARTIES. THE
CHOICE OF THE WORD "DOMINATION" SEEMED TO US IN THE DEPART-
MENT TO HAVE TWO ADVANTAGES OVER "PARTICIPATION": (A) IT
APPLIES TO A CONTEXT WIDER THAN ITALY ALONE; (B) IT HAS AN
INTENTIONAL AMBIGUITY, LEAVING THE JUDGMENT OF SPECIFIC
FUTURE EVENTS IN OUR HANDS. I RECOGNIZE THAT SOME PEOPLE
IN ITALY HAVE TAKEN THE USE OF THIS WORD TO IMPLY A WEAKEN-
ING OF OUR POSITION. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO PLAY DOWN THE
WORD "DOMINATION" AND PLAY UP THE BROADER THEMES. YOU MAY
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DOES NOT SUPPORT THE "HISTORIC COMPROMISE", AND WILL DO
NOTHING TO PROMOTE IT.

2. AS FOR THE EVANS-NOVAK ARTICLE, WE FEEL THAT A PUBLIC
REBUTTAL WOULD ONLY GIVE IT MORE CREDENCE THAN IT DESERVES.
HOWEVER, IF ANY NOTION OF DIVERGENCE BETWEEN YOU AND US IN
WASHINGTON ARISES IN PRIVATE CONVERSATIONS WITH THE LOCAL

PRESS CORPS, BOTH THE NSC STAFF AND WE IN THE DEPARTMENT

WILL MAKE CLEAR THAT SUCH ALLEGATIONS ARE TOTALLY FALSE.

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FOR DR. BRZEZINSKI ONLY

FOLLOWING SECSTATE 087014 SENT ACTION ROME APR 18;
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